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STRESSES PUBLIC-HEALTH PROGRAM
AMONG MILITARY AND CIVILIANS

THIRD FIELD ARMY PROMOTES HEALTH DRIVE -- Shanghai Hsin-wen Jih-pao, 8 May 50

Nanking, 7 May (Hsin-hua) -- In early March, unidentified units of the Third Field Army, PLA, held a health drive which helped rejuvenate the atmosphere in garrison areas and gave incentive to pursue spring training with added vigor.

The health drive was started with educational propaganda, emphasizing especially the fact that fighting men need health. Efforts were concentrated on inspecting and improving food, environment, and personal hygiene. Conditions in living quarters and latrines were improved. Each unit built patients' rooms and separate latrines for the sick. Each man was required to adhere to strick health rules formulated by each unit. Some of the rules included: washing hands before and after each meal, taking baths at least once a week, and avoiding spitting.

In conjunction with the health drive, the units also helped clean the villages adjacent to garrison areas. The local populace was mobilized to clean up inside and outside houses and ditches, fill water holes, and repair roads. All these activities improved general health conditions, educated the masses in health techniques, and increased friendly relations between the masses and the military.

KALGAN RR BUREAU HOLDS HEALTH CAMPAIGN -- Peiping Kung-jen Jih-pao, 30 Mar 50

Kalgan -- To combat the continuous outbreaks of meningitis, diphtheria, smallpox, influenza, whooping cough, and other such diseases in areas adjacent to the railroad line, the Kalgan Railroad Subbureau designated 23 - 31 March 1950 as Public-Health Week. During this period, personnel in all factories, stations, offices, stores, schools, warehouses, living quarters, etc., were directed to carry out a mass clean-up campaign.

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Efforts were especially concentrated on the destruction of rats and fleas, and the elimination of places where rats are likely to be. During the health week, the bureau also decided on a public health and antiplague program to be pursued during spring and summer months to protect the health of travelers and workers.

GIVES PHYSICAL EXAMS TO STORE WORKERS -- Dairen Lu-Ta Jen-min Jih-pao, 2 Apr 50

Dairen -- The Dairen Public-Health Bureau started physical examinations of store workers on 20 March 1950. By 30 March, 2,300 persons, or 70 percent of the total store workers in the city, had received physical examinations.

Results of the examination revealed that 297 are persons suffering from trachoma, 34 from tuberculosis, 45 from venereal diseases, and 4 from skin diseases.

To prevent endangering others, the seriously affected store workers were told to stop their work temporarily to receive treatment while those with minor ailments were ordered to take time off during working hours to visit doctors. All who passed the examination receive health certificates.

GIVES TREATMENT TO RIVER WORKERS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 10 Apr 50

K'ai-feng, 6 April (Hsin-hua) -- The Yellow River Flooded Area Rehabilitation Commission of the Central People's government dispatched a 43-man antiplague and medical battalion into Honan Province in late March 1950. The battalion was divided into two units to give medical treatment to river reclamation workers at the Shuang-ssu Ho area of Wei-ch'uan Hsien and the Ying Ho region of Hsi-hua Hsien.

The battalion will remain in Honan Province for one year. To further strengthen the health campaign in this area, the rehabilitation commission will send an additional 60 men during this month to assist the battalion.

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